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Spicer-Simson, Theodore

1918-1923

[Sculptor

57 W 57th St.]

February 18th, 1918.

Mr. T. Spicer-Simson,
57 West 57th Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Spicer-Simson:-

In looking over your exhibition of medals at Gimpel's I noticed several struck pieces, which I was wondering whether we could not get by writing the proper people. We would be glad to write certain of these if you could give us the addresses. The small medal of Admiral Fawkes, the Alexander Agassiz Memorial Medal and the Public Welfare Medal issued by the National Academy of Science. Whom could I address for these. The Dexter Brackett Memorial Medal issued, I think, by the New England Water Works Association, wherever that may be. Nos. 71 and 73 I do not suppose are as yet obtainable.

I enjoyed very much seeing the exhibition, and want to compliment you on the general arrangement and the artistic framing and mounting of these specimens.

Why did not Caro-Delvaille paint you with that rare smile of yours rather than as Mr. Gloom which you are not?

Yours very truly,

57 W. 57

Feb. 20. 1918

Dear Mr Wood,

P.D.C. Thanks for your note
& sympathetic compliments.
Here are the addresses I can give
you, & possibly if the American
Numismatic Society offers, in
your letter requesting copies
for the Museum, to pay the cost
of striking the medals (i.e. round
about \$1.50⁰⁰ a piece) the different
Societies will accede to your demands.
No 71 is simply the large size of the
same medal of which you possess
copies (small) in lead & can be bought
at Gorham's etc. \$20 in bronze

#30 in silver. No 73 is not yet obtainable.
The small admiral Fawkes is a single (unique)
specimen cast in silver belong up to me.
For the Public Welfare Medal & the Alex.
Agassiz medal address. Office of the
Home Secretary. National Academy
of Sciences. Smithsonian Institute. Wash.
I have lost the address of the Deane
Brackett Memorial Medal but I
think ~~the~~ letter ^{would} arrive safely if
addressed To the Secretary of
the New England Water Works
Association
Boston. Mass.

When do you expect W. Newell back?
I shall give you my article by the end of
next week.

Yours very truly
T. Spier Sumner

P.S. Excuse hurry please.

Cannondale
Conn.

July 5. 1918.
Friday.

My dear Mr. Wood,

It would be very kind of you
to give me the name of that gentleman
& the particulars about that pamphlet
upon the Army & Navy badge & insignia
which he seemed to be attending to if
you have the data.

Were the insignia to be printed in colour?
& was it to be an official publication?
I shall be in town on Monday & will
'phone to you before midday for this
information if you can give it to
me.

I did not half explain to you about

the photos you so kindly took for me of
Mr. Newell's relief. They were splendid
in their delicate tones as photos
but the surface of the bronze somehow
gives the form such an unfinished look
that I believe it would be impossible
to get more becoming photos from
that particular bronze relief of Mr.
Newell! Thanks for making the attempt
which has convinced me that the
above statement is correct,

Bye the bye I never have heard exactly
when you wished to print my article
I have never heard from Mr. Newell in
answer to my letter & as he said go
ahead & use it when you wish I
am allowing the International Studio
to print it in their August number.

They were going to print it in July but I put it
off one month as it was not necessary I should
have it for distribution until Sept. when
my medals will be going to the Detroit museum.

Yours sincerely

T. Price Jackson

Cannondale
Conn.

July 28. 1914

My Dear Mr. Wood

I must thank you for the medals you sent
me before speaking of anything else as they have arrived O.K.

I have read through the proof of my article carefully &
came across very few mistakes, you will notice however
that I changed the words in a few cases as I considered
them better than in the manuscript I gave you.

Now as to the title — if you prefer to shorten it to —

"Portrait reliefs, medals & coins in ~~art~~ & life & art."

Do so —

— Thanking you for your kindly interest

I remain

Yours very sincerely

— J. Grei-Sunser

Camondale
Conn.

Sept. 7. 1918.

My Dear Mr. Nov.,

Thanks for your note & enclosure — I hope I shall be successful in adding a few more members to the Society. Mr. Weil tells me he hopes to have the die ready in 2 or 3 weeks but he cannot be sure because of ^{present} conditions, having ordered the steel 10 days ago & not having received it as yet.

I have sent the wax reductions to Mr. E. T. Newell & have asked him to send them back to you at the Society, then would you see that Weil gets them if that was the arrangement for he says that it is difficult to get the wax which he uses over & over.

If I had heard from you before I sent off the wax I would of course ^{have} sent them to you first, but not knowing where you were to work they went.

Hoping you find your work interesting & with kind regards

I remain

Yours sincerely
T. Spicer Sams

P.S. This little Spanish coin was dug up by a friend in his garden here in Conn this summer. Would you be so kind as to tell me what it is & the inscription on the partly eroded obverse? for I have no doubt it is quite a common coin.

September 11th, 1918.

Mr. T. Spicer-Simson,
Cannondale,
Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Spicer-Simson:-

I took the liberty of opening your letter to Mr. Noe as he is around here but very little nowadays. I went down to Mr. Weil's the other day and saw the wax impressions of the medal and took them around to Mr. Saltus. I note that you have thinned up the lettering on the reverse, which I think improves it very much.

Lieutenant Newell has been down the past few days, and as yet has not seen the wax impressions. You will note by the handle that I have given to his name that he has received his commission. He is now a First Lieutenant. I will see that Mr. Weil gets the waxes back again.

The little Spanish coin that you enclosed has no especial value. These are still common. The inscription on the side with the shield is Car(olus) III D. G. Hisp(aniarum) et Ind(iarum) R(ex). The other side is perfectly legible. The small M before the date is the mint mark of Mexico City. The M on the other side of the date is the mint master's initial.

Trusting you are well, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

February 27th, 1923

SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

Theodore Spicer-Simson, Esq.

C/o Mr. Thomas Wyatt
Coconut Grove, Fla.

Dear Spicer-Simson:

I was glad to hear from you, and if you expect to be back before March 15th I wish you would let me know so that we can see what can be done about your showing a few more medals on the date that the jury have their final meeting.

Very truly yours,

of the Medal Committee

HW/R